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RENEWAL OF THE MANDATES OF MR. GASTON BÉDARD AND MS. LUCE ASSELIN AND APPOINTMENT OF MS. MANDY SHANA GULL TO SOCIÉTÉ DE DÉVELOPPEMENT DE LA BAIE-JAMES (SDBJ) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Matagami, January 21, 2020 – On December 18, 2019, the Québec Cabinet renewed the mandates of Mr. Gaston Bédard as member and Chairperson, and of Ms. Luce Asselin as member and Vice Chairperson of the SDBJ Board of Directors. The Cabinet also appointed Ms. Mandy Shana Gull as a member of the Board.

Ms. Gull completed a diploma in Social Sciences from Dawson College in 2005. She also holds two Bachelor's degrees from Concordia University's School of Community and Public Affairs: one in Political Science (2005) and one in Community, Public Affairs and Policy Studies (2009).

In July 2017, Ms. Gull was elected to a four-year term as Deputy Grand Chief and Vice Chairperson of the Cree Nation Government, having served as Deputy Chief of the Cree First Nation of Waswanipi from 2014 to 2017. She also owned and operated her own management consulting business from 2012 to 2014.

"Ms. Gull is the first woman from the Cree First Nation to serve on SDBJ's Board of Directors since its establishment in 1971. We welcome her appointment and are confident that she will significantly contribute to SDBJ's success as a Board member," said Gaston Bédard, Chairperson of the SDBJ Board of Directors.

SDBJ's Chief Executive Officer, Alain Coulombe, said he was very pleased with the appointment. "Ms. Gull is very involved with the Waswanipi community and shows outstanding leadership, particularly in the mining and forest industry. We would like to assure her of the entire SDBJ management team's full cooperation in helping her fulfill her mandate."

About SDBJ

The SDBJ, which has been in existence for over 45 years, was created under the James Bay Region Development Act adopted by Québec National Assembly in 1971. Its mission is to promote, from a sustainable development perspective, the economic development, improvement and exploitation of natural resources other than hydroelectric resources falling within Hydro-Québec's mandate in the Baie-James territory. The SDBJ can also foster, support and participate in the implementation of projects having these objectives.

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